

us adds : "*Boston a été vaccinée il y a deux ans ; quel argument pour le Dr. Coderre.*" Truly it is an argument which is unanswerable, but one which has been oft repeated. Casper, of Berlin, gives the returns of death by small pox in that city for three decennial periods. From 1792 to 1801 there perished in Berlin, from small pox, 4,453 persons. In the year 1800 vaccination was introduced and practiced extensively ; from 1802 to 1811 the death rate from small pox was reduced to 2,955 ; and in the next decennial period the deaths from small pox were further reduced to 500 souls. Take the instance of Sweden : from the official government returns we learn that in the year 1799, 11,500 persons perished by small-pox ; in 1800 there were 12,800 deaths from that malady. In the year 1800 vaccination was introduced into Sweden and rendered compulsory ; in the year 1801, the deaths from small-pox were reduced to 6000, and in 1822 there were only 11 cases of death from small pox recorded as occurring throughout Sweden. We have always considered it a fearful mistake on the part of our Legislators the neglect to enforce a rigid compulsory system of vaccination throughout the length and breadth of this land. We do not know whose business it is to legislate on this matter for under the present cumbrous system we have been informed that all questions of public hygiene are regarded as subjects for municipal government, and that any amendment to the vaccination act, which was passed by the parliament of United Canada in the year 1861, would have to be brought up for consideration before the Local Legislatures of each province. The act referred to, strange to say, renders vaccination compulsory, or rather gives to the councils of certain cities the authority of enforcing vaccination, under a penalty of five dollars, for neglect on the part of parents, or persons having the care and nurture of children, to take such child within three months after birth to the public vaccinator, said vaccinator to be appointed by the council of the said city ; nothing whatever is said about country municipalities, and the natural inference is that they